

was on stage with us when we were first elected. And I know she told Joe once that out of everything bad that happens to you, something good will come if you look hard enough. And I suppose she was channeling that same Irish poet with whom I began today, Patrick Kavanaugh, when he wrote, “And I said, let grief be a fallen leaf at the dawning of the day.”

As hard as it is right now, through all the heartache and through all the tears, it is our obligation to Beau to think not about what was and what might have been, but instead to think about what is, because of him. Think about the day that dawns for children who are safer because of Beau, whose lives are fuller, because of him. Think about the day that dawns for parents who rest easier and families who are freer because of him. Some folks may never know that their lives are better because of Beau Biden. But that’s okay. Certainly for Beau, acclaim was never the point of public service.

But the lines of well-wishers who’ve been here all week, they know. The White House mailroom that’s been overflowing with letters from people, those folks know. The soldiers who served with Beau, who joined the National Guard because of him. The workers at Verdi’s who still have their home because of him and who thanked him for helping them bus tables one busy night. The students in Newark who remember the time he talked with them for hours, inexhaustible, even after giving a speech, even after taking his National Guard fitness test. The Rehoboth woman who’s saved a kind voicemail from him for 5 years and wrote to say, “I loved the way he loved his family.” And the stranger who wrote from halfway across this great country just to say: “The only thing we can hope for is that our children make us proud by making a difference in the world.

Beau has done that and then some. The world noticed.”

Jill, Joe, Hallie, Hunter, and Natalie: The world noticed. They noticed. They felt it, his presence. And Beau lives on in the lives of others. And isn’t that the whole point of our time here? To make this country we love fairer and more just, not just for Natalie and Hunter or Naomi or Finnegan or Maisy or Malia or Sasha, but for every child? Isn’t that what this amazing journey we’ve been on is all about, to make life better for the next generation? Beau figured that out so early in life. What an inheritance Beau left us. What an example he set.

“Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire,” said Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. “But, above all, we have learned that whether a man accepts from Fortune her spade, and will look downward and dig, or from Aspiration her axe and cord, and will scale the ice, the one and only success which it is his to command is to bring to his work a mighty heart.”

Beau Biden brought to his work a mighty heart. He brought to his family a mighty heart. What a good man. What an original.

May God bless his memory and the lives of all he touched.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:08 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. In his remarks, he referred to Hallie O. Biden, wife, R. Hunter Biden II and Natalie P. Biden, children, R. Hunter Biden, brother, Kathleen Buhle Biden, sister-in-law, Ashley B. Biden, sister, Howard Krein, brother-in-law, and Naomi K. Biden, Finnegan J. Biden, and Roberta M. “Maisy” Biden, nieces, of Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III; and Jill T. Biden, wife, and Valerie Biden Owens, sister, of Vice President Joe Biden. He also referred to Rob Buccini, friend of Joseph R. “Beau” Biden III.

Remarks in Krün, Germany June 7, 2015

Grüss Gott! It is wonderful to be back in Germany for my fourth visit as President. And to my great friend and partner, Chancellor

Merkel; to Mayor Schwarzenberger and the people of Krün and—[inaudible]—to the people of Germany: Thank you for welcoming me

here today and for the incredible hospitality and the incredible beauty of this place.

I want to thank everybody for this wonderful visit to this beautiful village. I know it's a lot of hard work when I come to town. [Laughter] That was, without question, the best alphorn performance that I've ever heard. I have to admit that I forgot to bring my lederhosen. But I'm going to see if I can buy some while I'm here. [Laughter]

Now, I must admit that when I first learned that Angela was going to host the G-7 in Bavaria, I was hoping that it would fall during *Oktoberfest*. But, then again, there's never a bad day for a beer and a weisswurst. [Laughter] And I can't think of a better place to come to celebrate the enduring friendship between the German and American people.

I come here grateful for the history that we share. And so much of America, including my hometown of Chicago, would not be the same without the contributions of so many German immigrants, including from Bavaria. Over the years, Bavaria and Germany have returned the favor by welcoming countless Americans, including generations of our servicemembers and students from the George Marshall Center. And on behalf of the American people, I want to thank you for your gracious hospitality.

So over the next 2 days in Schloss Elmau, we're going to discuss our shared future: a global economy that creates jobs and opportunity, maintaining a strong and prosperous European Union, forging new trade partnerships

across the Atlantic, standing up to Russian aggression in Ukraine, combating threats from violent extremism to climate change. And on all these issues, we are very grateful for the partnership and leadership of your Chancellor, Angela Merkel.

These are all difficult challenges. But part of what gives me hope is the example of Germany. This year marks 70 years since the end of World War II and decades of a great NATO alliance. It marks 25 years since the unification of Germany that inspired the world. The fact that all of us are here together today is proof that conflicts can end and great progress is possible.

So this morning, as we celebrate one of the strongest alliances the world has ever known, my message to the German people is simple: We are grateful for your friendship, for your leadership. We stand together as inseparable allies, in Europe and around the world.

My only final request to Angela is that, on such a beautiful day, instead of being inside, we should have all our summit meetings in this incredible village center and drink beer. [Laughter] But I think we'll have to negotiate with the security people. [Laughter]

Vielen Dank.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:54 a.m. in the town center. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Thomas Schwarzenberger of Krün, Germany.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom in Krün

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President Obama. Well, it is wonderful to be back with my good friend and partner, David Cameron. I want to congratulate him, as I did over the phone, on his resounding election victory. And I look forward to working with him on a whole host of issues in the coming year.

This is going to give us an opportunity to discuss a number of particular challenges that require U.S. and United Kingdom leadership.

We'll be talking about Russia and Ukraine and the importance of us maintaining the sanctions regime to put pressure on Russian and separatist forces to implement fully the Minsk agreement. We think that there can be a peaceful, diplomatic resolution to this problem, but it's going to require that Europe and the United States and the transatlantic partnership, as well as the world, stay vigilant and stay focused on